Golden Triangle Partnership for Drug Development

2691. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKER REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to spend Rs. 120 Crores in the next few years under the Golden Triangle Partnership of the CSIR and the ICMR to work on scientific validation and drug development for Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy;

(b) if so, whether Government had prepared any roadmap for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government had identified the States for this purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the budget to be allocated to Andhra Pradesh during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Department of AYUSH have initiated a Golden Triangle Partnership (GTP) with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for scientific validation of classical AYUSH products and preparation of new drugs based on research and development for disease conditions of national and global importance. There is a budget provision of Rs. 15.00 crore for this initiative in the Plan outlay of Department of AYUSH for 2005-2006. A budget provision of Rs.20.00 crore is proposed for 2006-2007. A project has been sanctioned for scientific validation of 8 most widely used Ayureveda Rasa Aushadhis and Bhasmas. 14 disease conditions have been prioritized for standardization of existing AYUSH medicines and development of AYUSH medicines based on research and development under this initiative. The Golden Triangle Partnership is a Central Sector project under which there is no provision for allocation of funds to States. Work relating to scientific validation and development of new drugs will be carried out in scientific laboratories/establishments of the Research Council of the Department of AYUSH, CSIR and ICMR laboratories spread in different parts of the country. Experts from all over the country have been involved in preparation of status papers, project proposals and research protocols.